

Streets of Vanity Fair Are Crowded

Vast Multitudes of People Have Gone Pleasure Mad—A Thousand Luring Voices Call on Every Hand, All Caution is Thrown to the Winds, Old Conservatism Are Forgotten, Every Danger Signal is Ignored.

NOTHING CAN SAVE NATION BUT THE HOME ON ITS KNEES

(At the recent session of the Rockingham district conference at Vass Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton, submitted a report as chairman of the committee on the "Spiritual Life of the Church" that deserves the widest possible reading and thoughtful consideration. It presents strikingly and eloquently matters that are giving grave concern to thoughtful people of every denomination.—Editor.)

By R. C. Beaman.

That the spiritual life of our people is Methodism's first and supreme consideration, is not a debatable proposition. Material prosperity is but a mockery and a lie if the soul within us be dead or dying. Methodism cannot live on dogma, on dead forms, on ritualism. It cannot house itself in magnificent temples and live amid the smoke and incense of its own altars. It must live and move, and have its being in God. Its heart must be kept warm and responsive through a hallowing and enriching fellowship

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with God's dear Son, the source of all spiritual life and power. We advance only on our knees. Only as we tarry with our Lord in rapt communion on the mount of transfiguration is there given us a vision of the madness and despair of a lost world raving and frothing at its base, into whose darkness we can carry the light of a shining face caught from the excellent glory. In other words, if we be not as those who are alive from the dead, who know Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, and who walk and talk with him in the joy of a living and triumphant faith, then we cease to function as a great Church, and our position as one of the mightiest evangelizing forces among nations of the earth is forever forfeited.

If Methodism ever fails it will fail in the utter breakdown of her spiritual life, and when her crown of glory lies soiled and broken at the feet of the god of this world, and her crown was never more endangered than at this hour. Vast multitudes of our people have gone pleasure-mad; a thousand luring voices call on every hand; the streets of Vanity Fair were never more gaily decorated, and never more crowded with an eager and careless throng than at this hour. All caution is thrown to the winds, old conservativisms are forgotten, every danger signal is ignored, and the laughing, jesting, joking crowd goes hurrying on to quaff one more cup of pleasure, to drain one more glass of wine to its bitter dregs, and then the final plunge into the night with the parting words "A short life, but a merry one."

Do we overdraw the picture? are the lines too dark? We think not. Prosperity, luxury and lust have wrecked the civilizations of the past, and whelmed even the Church of God in ruin, and if our Methodism goes down it will be when she says "I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing", and ceases to pray and to cultivate the graces of the Spirit, and glories in these things to her own shame. It is evident from the reports of the pastors as to the spiritual life of their charges that religion in the home is sadly on the decline in many instances, and in some cases has already reached the vanishing point. The family altar is gone, the Bible is no longer devoutly studied. The home is not being built on the eternal foundations of truth and righteousness, and that reverent recognition of God in family life that is the beginning of all true wisdom. As we see the situation this is now the most appalling danger that confronts the life of today.

If the home goes all goes, and nothing can keep it on an even keel, and enable it to bear the terrific strain and stress of these perilous times but a deepened spiritual life born of an awful and sobering God consciousness. The stupendous and startling problems of this hour on which the future of the nations depend can only be solved in and by the home, and that home on its knees. We may build a college at every cross roads and an academy on every hill, until our culture exceeds that of Greece, and pile up money until our wealth reaches to the stars; but if we forget God, repudiate the old Book, tear down the altar and cease to pray, we are simply hurrying to hell, though we travel in a twin-six upholstered in green plush, or sail the heavens in a sky-pullman reading the latest Marconigrams on the way. Nothing can save our homes, and this republic, but the gospel of Jesus Christ translated into life, and to this end we urge our preachers and lay leaders to lift up their voices like a trumpet and call the people back to God.

The supreme need of the Rockingham district is a mighty tidal wave of spiritual power sweeping through all our borders, and culminating in such a revival of vital godliness and deepened spiritual life as will bring our people to a fresh vision of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and a reedification of all their ransomed powers to his service. Give us a heart-cleansing, soul-quickening, life-dedicating revival, and all our problems will find immediate solution. Thank God there are many of our people who still pray, who still walk and talk with the Master along the way, who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and who give to their Lord first place in their lives, in these days that are trying the souls of men even as by fire. May this little company speedily become a great host, and this year prove to be our year of jubilee.

Mr. C. P. Dunn of Fayetteville was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

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They Are Waking Up "Why," asks the Lumberton Robesonian "do the railroads always pick on North Carolina?" And in part it makes this answer: "The picking is good, no doubt, but in their proposal to increase North Carolina freight rates 53 per cent while leaving rates to the north undisturbed it looks like they are trying to kill the goose that lays the golden egg."

There is another answer: It is that the people twenty-five years ago, when they established a Railroad Commission, went to sleep and permitted such wrongs as the dismemberment of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad, the camouflage ownership of small line roads and high freight and passenger rates, and other injustices to the people.

Whenever any public man sought to warn the people against railroad discrimination against this State or against other injustice the pack would cry out "Don't listen to the demagogue, he would drive capital from the State." The threatened 53 per cent freight rate is causing many to open their eyes and see that they must give hearty support to the Corporation Commission in working to prevent the imposition of this heavy tax. Raleigh News and Observer.

Sounds Death Knell of the Hookworm

Advertisement for hookworm treatment. Includes a photo of a man and text: "The hookworm can be killed in the lower animals by carbon tetrachloride. He will soon be in a position to announce the method of treatment that will rid human beings of the health-destroying parasite which has been so prevalent in the country. The discovery is regarded as one of the highest importance. Statistical figures that the elimination of the hookworm will increase the prosperity and productivity of the South tremendously."

Kids Is Kids. Cartoon showing a boy applying cream to his back. Text: "HOLD STILL NOW, HAROLD. UNTIL I PUT THIS CREAM ON YOUR BACK-DON'T FIDGET SO. LAW ME!"

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NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by an execution directed to the undersigned Sheriff of Robeson County in an action entitled "Bank of Parkton vs. A. A. Wright", the undersigned Sheriff, Robeson County, N. C., will expose for sale, at public auction, for cash, on Monday, the 18th day of July, 1922 at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door in the Town of Lumberton, N. C., all the right, title, interest and estate of the defendant A. A. Wright, in and to the following real estate, viz: In Parkton Township, adjoining the lands of J. K. Currie, M. J. Johnson estate and others, beginning at a stake by sum pointers in the run of Dunn's Marsh and runs south 75. west 8. 57 chains to a stake at the head of a small ditch in the field; thence south 9 east 10. 57 chains to a stake in the outside line of Currie's tract; thence as that line north 79. east 6. 53 chains to a stake near Dunn's Marsh; thence north 8 west 4 chains to a stake with oak, hickory and scarred post-ers; thence east 2. 32 chains to a stake and sum pointers in the run of said Marsh; thence up the various courses of the run of

said Marsh to the beginning containing 6. 42 acres, and being the same conveyed to A. A. Wright by J. K. Currie and others, by deed registered in Book 5-W, page 490, office of the Register of Deeds of Robeson County. Except, however, from the above described 6. 42 acres allotted to the said A. A. Wright for his homestead exemption described as follows: Beginning at north corner of his land (A. A. Wright) and running as his line in branch to his southeast corner; thence with Lumsaker's line so as to run around a sufficient amount to contain 4. 1-2 acres; thence to J. K. Currie's line; thence with Currie's line to the beginning running around and including the dwelling on said 6 acres of land. The excess of the homestead to be sold under this execution containing a little more than 2 acres. R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff of Robeson County, North Carolina. 6-22-4 Thurs.

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TOWN OF LUMBERTON Lumberton, North Carolina CONDENSED STATEMENT (Receipts and Expenditures) Year Ended May 31st, 1922.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES. Includes sub-sections for General Fund, Graded Schools, Sinking Fund, and Meadowbrook Cemetery. Receipts total \$96,832.96. Expenditures total \$96,832.96.

..... This is to certify we have audited the Books and Records of the Town of Lumberton, N. C., for year ending May 31st, 1922, and we further certify the accompanying statements of Receipts and Expenditures were compiled by us and are correct. GEO. B. WILSON & COMPANY. By Geo. B. Wilson, Public Accountants and Auditors. June 12th, 1922.